

2000 REPORT ON OREGON'S PUBLIC DRINKING WATER

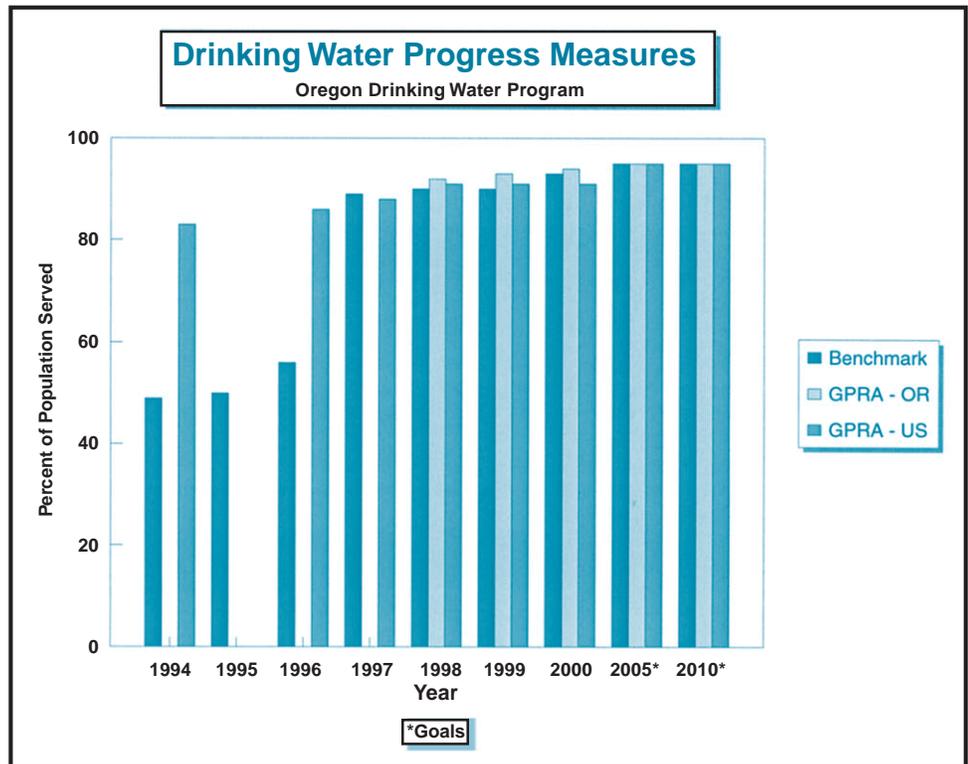
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2000 was a year of continued progress by Oregon public water suppliers and the Oregon Drinking Water Program. This special edition of the PIPELINE is in two parts. The first part (below) is a recap of 2000 accomplishments and an analysis of trends from 1994 to 2000. The second part is the full text of the 2000 Oregon Annual Compliance Report, beginning on page 6. Previous Oregon ACRs can be found on the Drinking Water Home Page.

2000 brought continued progress by Oregon water suppliers to meet EPA drinking water standards, and continued implementation of initiatives by the Drinking Water program under the 1996 federal Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA).

Twenty-nine communities, serving a total of nearly 22,000 people, completed improvements to their drinking water systems during 2000 in order to meet the drinking water standards (see table, page 11). These included projects to meet action levels for lead and copper at customer taps, improve treatment for groundwater supplies, and improve treatment for surface water supplies. While the scope and complexity of these projects varied from water system to water system, each represented the culmination of long-term commitment and effort by the local community to ensure safe drinking water for their users. The percentage of Oregonians served drinking water by public water systems that continuously met all health-based standards during the year increased to 93% in 2000 (Oregon Drinking Water Benchmark). The goal is to reach 95% by 2005, and to maintain that level through 2010, as new EPA standards are adopted and implemented.

The drinking water program team continued efforts in 2000 to implement responsibilities and opportunities to assist communities under the 1996 federal Safe Drinking Water Act. The effort involved the drinking water program, contract county health departments, the Drinking Water Advisory Committee, partner agencies, and contractors. With the assistance of the Drinking



Water Advisory Committee, the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department, and the Department of Environmental Quality, the drinking water program applied for and

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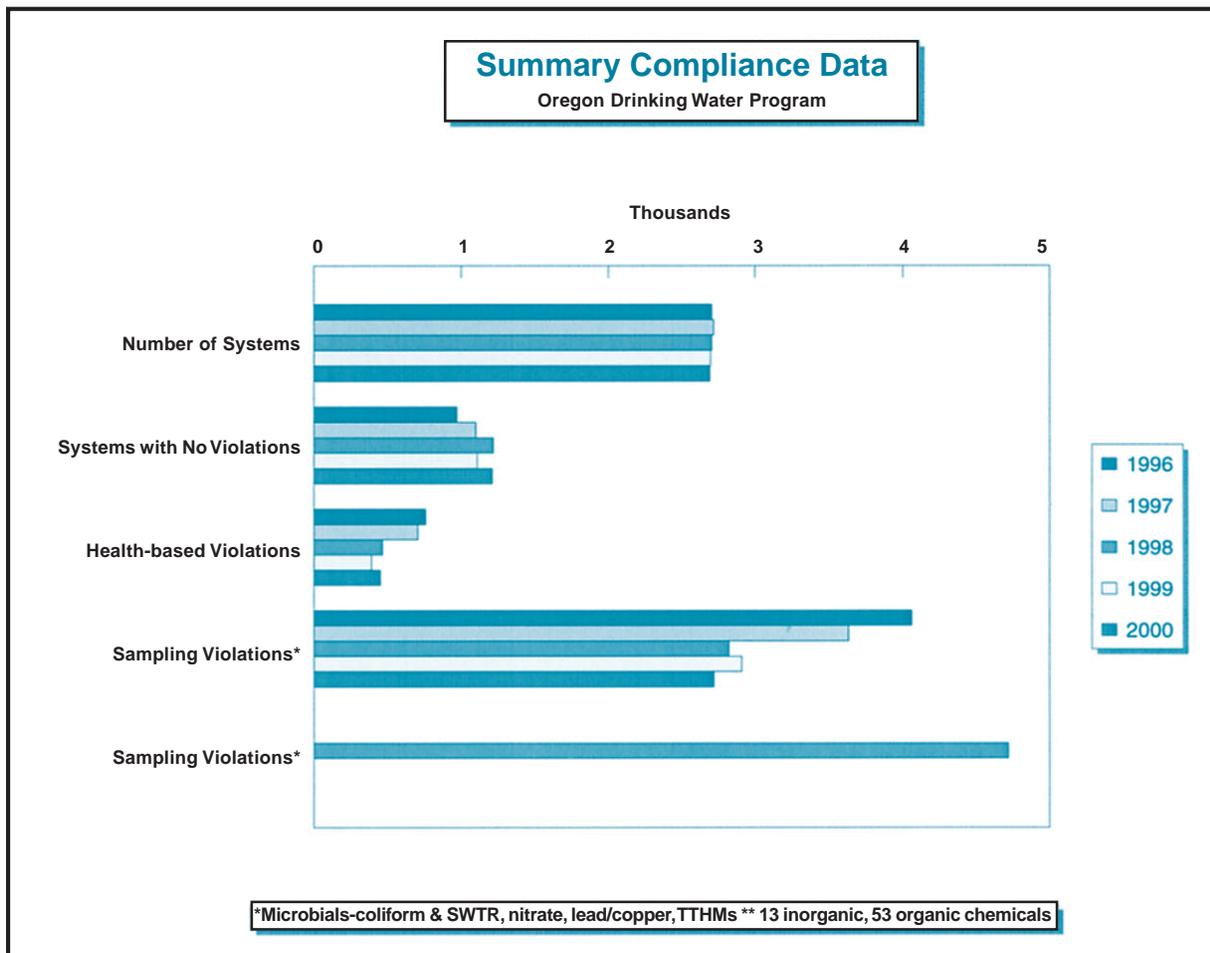
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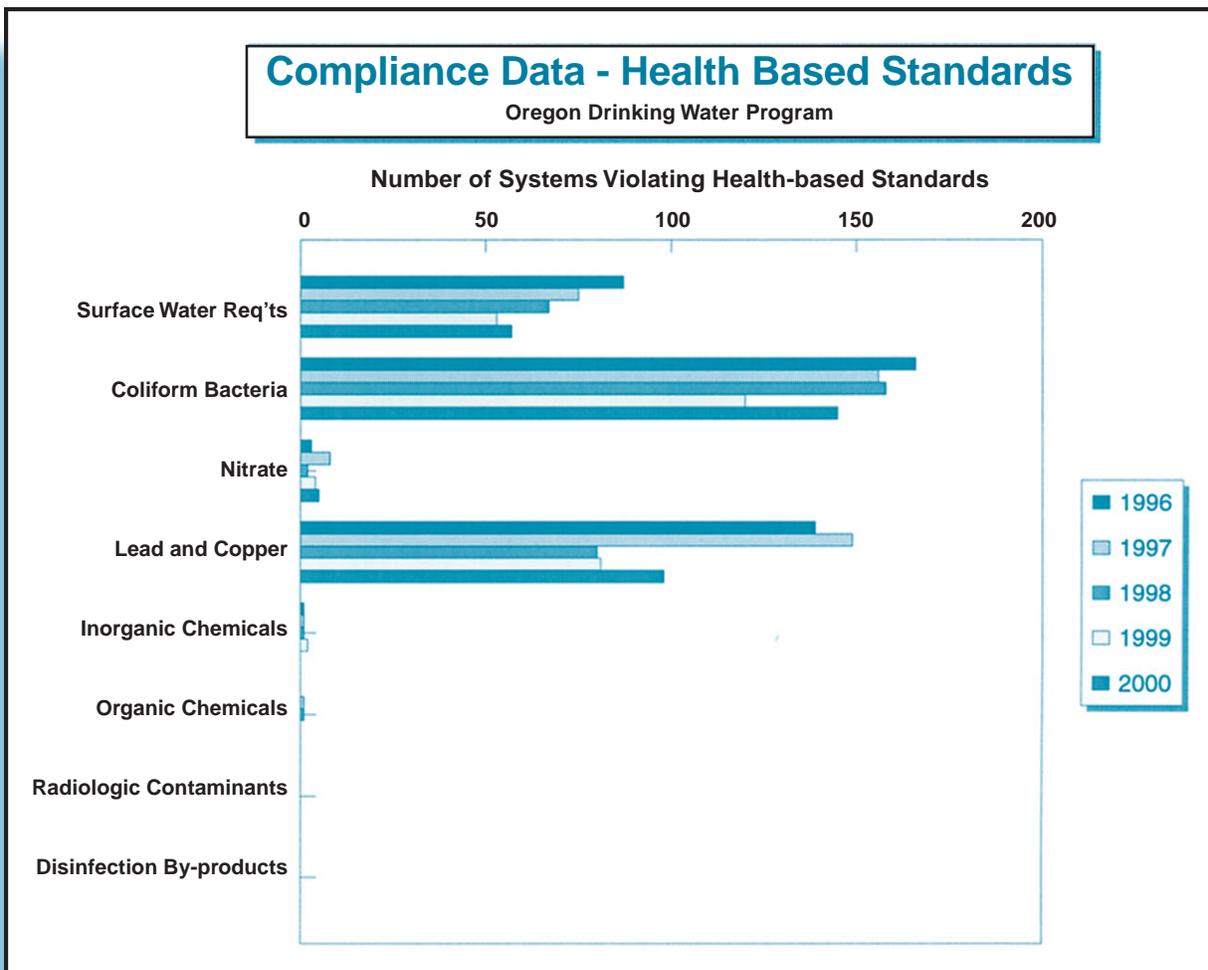
received the fourth and fifth annual State Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund capitalization grants from EPA. This brings the total federal funding available for safe drinking water projects and program initiatives in Oregon to \$64M. By the end of 2000, \$23.5M in loans were awarded to 21 communities.

Efforts continued to assist Oregon water suppliers statewide by assessing contamination threats to sources of public drinking water and helping small communities to solve operational problems through technical assistance. In partnership with DEQ, about 1/3 of the source water assessment work was completed by the end of 2000. Operational technical assistance was provided to 51 small communities by circuit rider contractors. Division staff also prepared to assist communities to improve technical, financial, and managerial capacity, and to certify and train operators of very small water systems. Working with the Drinking Water Advisory Committee, the program developed an "Oregon Capacity Strategy" to improve the technical, managerial, and financial capacity needed by public water suppliers to provide safe drinking water now and in the future. The Oregon strategy was one of the first four state strategies approved by EPA. Working with the Drinking Water Advisory Committee and a stakeholder group, the drinking water program developed a proposal to train and certify operators of small public water systems and a bill for

the needed authority for consideration by the 2001 Legislature (HB 2239). Operators of very small water systems, those community and nontransient noncommunity water systems using groundwater sources and serving fewer than 150 connections, are exempt from certification requirements under current authorities. HB 2239 will end that exemption.

Finally, program staff continued to keep up with ongoing priority responsibilities while taking on new ones. Program and county staff continued to investigate and respond to water quality problems and high-priority water sampling failures at public systems, while conducting as many on-site inspections of water systems as possible. Working through the Conference of Local Environmental Health Supervisors and the Conference of Local Health Officials, the drinking water program helped local health departments expand the expertise, capability, and funding of their drinking water programs. Program staff resolved 132 formal enforcement actions with public systems, and referred seven unresponsive water suppliers to EPA for their formal action. The Internet site for access to water system water quality and compliance data, established in 1999, was widely used by water suppliers, laboratories, and the public, and received national recognition. Program staff tracked, reviewed, and commented on new EPA drinking water rules under development at the national level.





721 communities completed and submitted their second annual Consumer Confidence Report, as per EPA requirements.

Measuring Progress, 1994-2000

Oregon Safe Drinking Water Benchmark. This Benchmark measures progress of public water suppliers toward meeting safe drinking water standards in Oregon:

“The percentage of Oregonians served by public drinking water systems that meet all health-based standards continuously during the year”

Meeting all health-based standards at all times during the year is an important indicator of drinking water safety. The benchmark presumes that required monitoring of water supplies is carried out, and Oregon water suppliers do need to improve in this area. The benchmark includes the following health-based standards, listed from highest to lowest health risk:

- E. Coli (or fecal coliform) bacteria maximum level
- Surface water treatment performance levels (filtration and disinfection)
- Nitrate/Nitrite maximum levels
- Chemical/Radiological maximum levels

- Lead action level
- Total coliform bacteria maximum level
- Copper action level

Included in the benchmark are about 1,300 public water systems that serve the majority of the state’s population, including all community systems, all nontransient noncommunity systems, and the larger transient noncommunity systems (serving over 500 people per day).

In 2000, the benchmark increased to 93%, up from 90% in 1998 and 1999. The benchmark goal is to reach 95% by 2005, and to maintain this level during the process of implementing new EPA drinking water standards from 2005 through 2010. Results for previous years are summarized in the first chart (page 1), showing significant improvement from 1994-2000.

EPA GPRA Goal. USEPA established a similar performance-based measure for drinking water under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993. This goal is:

By 2005, protect human health so that 95% of the population served by community water systems receive water that meets health-based drinking water standards...

In 1994, the GPRA baseline for the U.S. was 83%. In 2000, the measure for the U.S. improved to 91%. Oregon achieved 94% in 2000, up from 93% in 1999 (see first chart, page 1).

Regulatory Compliance Trends in Oregon, 1996-2000.

The federal Safe Drinking Water Act requires the drinking water program to prepare and publish an Annual Compliance Report (ACR) on Oregon public water systems. See the full text of the 2000 ACR in this issue (page 6). This is the fifth Oregon ACR. Below, we offer our observations and conclusions about trends in drinking water safety and regulatory compliance over the past five years.

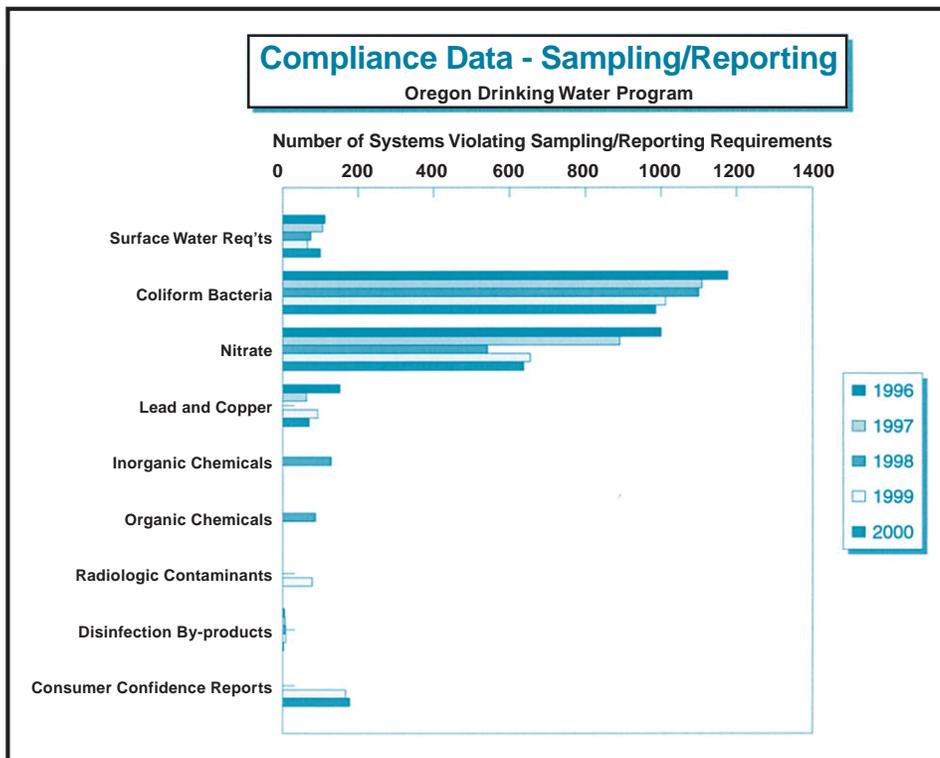
Two kinds of violations are summarized here:

- 1) Health-based violations - instances where a water supply system distributes water with a concentration of a contaminant above allowable levels, or where the water is inadequately treated.
- 2) Sampling/reporting violations - instances where the water supplier fails to collect or report results of required water samples for one or more contaminants.

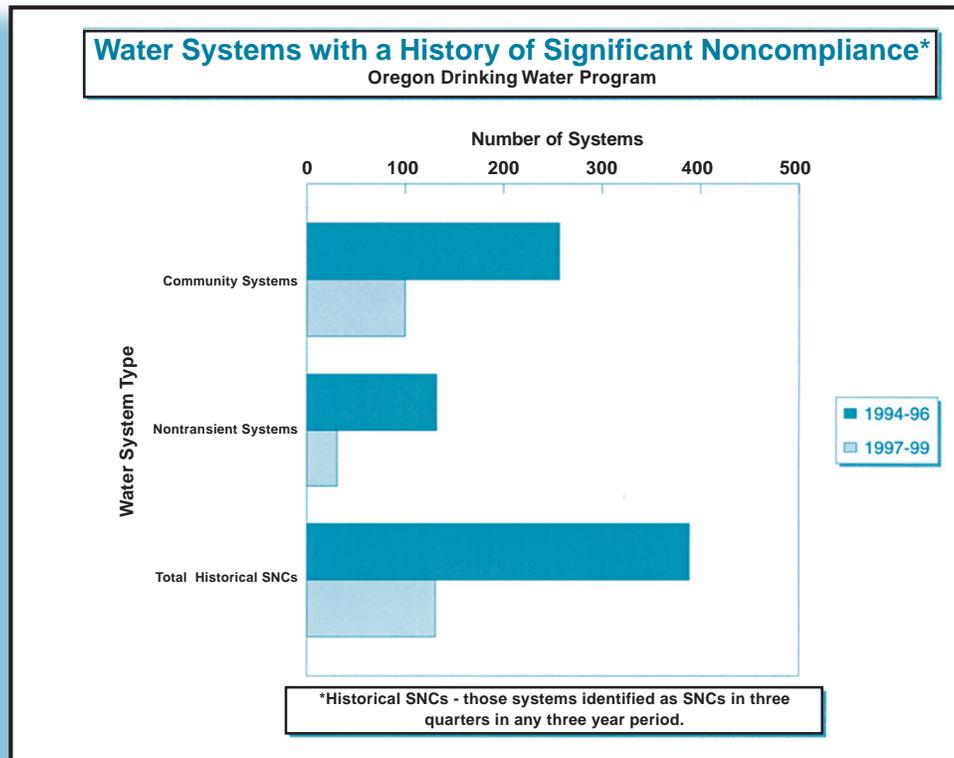
Summary statistics for 1996-2000 are shown in the charts that accompany this article. The second chart (page 2) shows a summary by year of the number of regulated public water systems (under EPA requirements), the total number of water systems with NO identified violations, the total number of health-based violations, and the total number of sampling/reporting violations. The total number of regulated systems, about 2,700, remained unchanged over the past five years. There is a small increase in the total number of water systems that had no violations during the year. Over 1,200 systems generated no significant violations at all in 2000.

There has been a decline in the number of health based violations, although a “flattening” of this decline is evident in 1998-2000. These violations represent potential or actual exposure of people to contaminants, so a decline is good news. About 90% of violations overall are for sampling/reporting. A steady decline in sampling/reporting violations for frequently-tested contaminants occurred from 1996 to 2000 (microbials-coliform and surface water treatment, nitrate). This may account for the apparent lack of decline in health-based violations during 1998-2000, as more complete monitoring is likely to detect additional water quality problems. Sampling/reporting requirements for most inorganic and organic chemical contaminants is on a three-year cycle. The latest cycle ended in 1998, so the next check on reporting status will be in 2001.

The third chart (page 3) summarizes statistics on the number of water systems that violated health-based standards. Most systems in violation are for microbial contaminants (coliform bacteria and surface water treatment), and for lead and copper. A small decline in the number of systems violating surface water treatment requirements is evident. This is because of recent efforts to make field contacts to help communities improve operation of existing filtration treatment systems. A decline is also evident in numbers of systems violating coliform bacteria standards, reflecting increased field attention by county and program staff. The number of systems violating lead and/or copper action levels was constant in 1998-1999 while the systems installed corrosion control treatment. An increase in 2000 is due to additional water systems completing initial and follow up monitoring - some of these identified copper or lead at levels above action levels that now require correction. Very few water systems violate health-based standards for chemicals.



The fourth chart (this page) summarizes the number of water systems that violate sampling/reporting requirements. Declines in the number of systems in violation are evident for microbials, nitrate, and lead/copper, again reflecting the result of attention by state and county staff. Overall, 92% of all the required coliform bacteria tests, and 76% of nitrate tests were in fact submitted as required by Oregon water suppliers in 2000. Although most test results were reported overall, the remaining apparent large number of individual sampling violations and the number of water systems that account for them potentially undermine public confidence in drinking water.



Water Systems with a History of Significant Noncompliance. In 1997, as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act, EPA identified water systems in each state with a “history of significant noncompliance”. These are community and nontransient noncommunity water systems that committed sufficient multiple violations to be characterized as “significant noncompliers” (SNCs) in at least three calendar quarters in the three-year period of 1994-96. In other words, these are the water systems with the worst compliance histories. The second listing was generated by EPA in 2000, for the time period of 1997-99. The fifth chart (this page) compares the results for the two time periods. A dramatic decline in the numbers of systems with very poor compliance records is evident. The third listing will be for 2000-02, and will be generated by EPA in 2003.

Conclusion

As of the end of 2000, continued progress in safe drinking water in Oregon is clear and compares very favorably with the rest of the country. This is due to the efforts of Oregon public water suppliers, the drinking water program, county health departments, partner agencies, and organizations. Success to date is not probably attributable to any particular element of the effort, but is rather due to the integrated application of the many program elements, each targeted to meet specific water system needs, including:

- Regulatory information, advice and assistance
- Response to contaminant occurrence
- Sanitary surveys of water systems

- Training and certification of operators
- Review and approval of plans and specifications for projects
- Operational technical assistance
- Safe Drinking Water loan fund
- Source water assessment and protection
- Public information
- Enforcement

Remaining work for 2001 and beyond includes completion of filtration treatment installation and improvements to existing plants for water systems using surface water sources, completion of corrosion control treatment installation to control lead and copper, improvement in overall sampling and reporting, completion of source water assessments, implementation of the capacity development strategy, and training and certification of operators of very small water systems. The goal is to complete this remaining work before significant new EPA standards begin directly impacting Oregon water systems in 2003.

Charts:

- ✓ Drinking Water Progress Measures (page 1)
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2000 ANNUAL COMPLIANCE REPORT ON OREGON PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SYSTEMS

Under the 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act, each state is required to prepare annual reports on violations of national primary drinking water regulations by public water systems in the state. States are required to provide the annual reports to the USEPA, publish and distribute summary reports, and make the full reports available to the public. In addition to satisfying the legal requirement under the Safe Drinking Water Act, the annual compliance report provides an opportunity to review the status of public drinking water safety in Oregon. This is the fifth annual report and presents compliance data on Oregon public water systems for the calendar year 2000.

Drinking Water Standards

A brief overview of the public drinking water regulatory program is useful. In Oregon, public drinking water systems are subject to the Oregon Drinking Water Quality Act (ORS 448 - Water Systems) and the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. The primary purpose of the Oregon Act is to “assure all Oregonians safe drinking water.” According to the Oregon Act, safe drinking water means “water which is sufficiently free from biological, chemical, radiological, or physical impurities such that individuals will not be exposed to disease or harmful physiological effects.” Under the Oregon Act, the Health Division has broad authority to set water quality standards necessary to protect public health through insuring safe drinking water within a public water system. To accomplish this, the Division is directed under the Act to require regular water sampling by water suppliers. These samples must be analyzed in laboratories approved by the Division, and the results of laboratory tests on those samples must be reported by the water supplier to the Division. The Division must investigate water systems that fail to submit samples, or whose sample results indicate levels of contaminants that are above maximum allowable levels. Water suppliers who fail to sample the water or report the results, or whose water contains contaminants in excess of allowable levels must take corrective action and notify water users.

Since 1986, the Division has exercised primary responsibility for administering the federal Safe Drinking Water Act in Oregon, an arrangement called Primacy. The Health Division adopts and enforces standards that are no less stringent than the federal standards, and in return, the US Environmental Protection Agency gives the Division the regulatory responsibility for public drinking water systems and partial financial support for the Oregon program operation.

In practice, the Oregon drinking water standards match the national standards established under the Safe Drinking Water Act by the USEPA. This is because setting maximum levels for drinking water contaminants to protect human health involves considerable development of health effects information and other scientific research that is best carried out at the national level. The Health Division concentrates its available efforts and resources on implementing the national standards at Oregon public water systems.

Drinking water quality standards consist of two parts; a maximum allowable level for each contaminant (called a Maximum Contaminant Level, or MCL) and a sampling and reporting frequency. For contaminants that can not be readily detected or measured in water, the standard may be a treatment technique requirement, which means that in place of regular water sampling and reporting, all water systems at risk of the contaminant are required to provide water treatment processes to remove the contaminant at all times. A full description of the current drinking water standards was published previously (PIPELINE, Spring 2000).

Sampling frequencies vary by the type of drinking water contaminant. Contaminants that are associated with immediate health impacts, like bacteria and nitrates, must be sampled often, such as every month, quarter, or year. Contaminants associated with health effects that could develop from very long-term exposures, like arsenic, are tested less frequently, such as every 3 or 4 years.

Oregon Public Water Systems

In 2000, there were 2,695 public water systems in Oregon subject to regulation under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. Of these, 898 are community water systems, which means the systems serve at least 15 connections used by year-round residents. These systems perform the most frequent water sampling for the greatest number of contaminants, because the people served have the most ongoing exposure to the drinking water. **Community water systems** in Oregon serve a total of just over 3 million people and range in size from 15-home subdivisions and mobile home parks up to and including the City of Portland. **Nontransient noncommunity water systems** serve nonresidential populations consisting of the same people every day, such as a school or workplace with its own independent water supply system. There are 339 of these in Oregon. **Transient noncommunity water systems** serve transient populations. Examples are campgrounds, parks, or restaurants with their own independent water supply systems, and there are 1458 of these in Oregon.

Oregon public water systems get their water either from wells or springs (called groundwater) or from rivers, lakes, or streams (called surface water). Of the 2,695 total public water systems in Oregon, 2,410 get their water exclusively from groundwater. 285 water systems get their water in whole or in part from surface water supplies. Generally speaking, surface water requires much more treatment and processing to ensure safety for drinking than does groundwater.

There are many small water systems in Oregon. About 88% of the public water systems in Oregon serve 500 or fewer people each.

An additional 965 very small systems are subject only to the Oregon Act, and are too small to fall under federal drinking water regulations. These water systems supply 4-14 connections or 10-24 people each. These water systems serve nearly 18,000 people in

Oregon. By comparison, about 400,000 Oregonians get their drinking water from individual home wells, which are not subject to public water system standards or rules.

Compliance Results for 1999

There are now drinking water quality standards for 96 different contaminants. Most have established maximum levels and sampling requirements. Others have treatment technique requirements. A complete description of the drinking water standards is given in the Spring, 2000 Special Edition of the PIPELINE newsletter, available from the Division or our web site. Drinking water contaminants can be grouped into the following general categories:

- Microbial Contaminants - such as viruses, bacteria, and parasites which can come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural and livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products - chemical disinfectants used in water treatment to kill harmful microbes, and the chemical by-products formed from the reaction of disinfection treatment chemicals with natural substances in the water.
- Inorganic Chemicals - such as salts or metals, which can be naturally-occurring or can result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming. Includes lead and copper leached into the water from household plumbing and fixtures.
- Organic Chemicals - Pesticides and herbicides which may come from a variety of sources, such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses. Also includes synthetic and volatile chemicals which are used in industrial processes and petroleum production and can come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- Radiologic Contaminants - Naturally occurring or resulting from oil and gas production or mining operations.

Compliance statistics cited here DO NOT include the very small public water systems not subject to EPA standards, or individual home wells.

1,210 public water systems achieved full compliance with all standards and sampling requirements during 2000, as shown in the table below:

Population Size Range	Total Number of Water Systems	Number of Water Systems With No Violations in 2000
25-500	2,338	1005
501-3,300	255	133
3,301-10,000	46	27
10,001-100,000	52	41
more than 100,000	4	4
Total	2695	1210

The attached tables present summaries of the violations of both maximum levels, treatment requirements, and sampling and reporting requirements for categories of contaminants. Table 1 (page 9) shows the number of public water systems that experienced significant violations of requirements during 2000, and the total numbers of violations that occurred. Tables 2 and 3 (page 10) show this information, organized by size ranges of populations served. Note that totals presented on Table 2 have been adjusted to avoid double-counting water systems that violate multiple requirements.

1,485 of the public water systems generated 3,407 violations of maximum levels and sampling requirements. This means that some water systems violated requirements on multiple occasions or violated requirements for multiple contaminants. 10 % of the violations are for maximum levels, action levels, or treatment requirements, and 90 % of violations overall are for failure to sample and report results. Violation of maximum levels, action levels, or treatment requirements mean that there were actual or possible exposures of people to drinking water contaminants. Violation of sampling requirements means that a water system did not sample for contaminants or did not report the test results for certain contaminants on time. A significant sampling violation means that no water sample results were reported for a particular reporting period. Since most Oregon water systems are small, most violations occurred at small water systems. Lists of water suppliers that violated maximum levels, action levels, or treatment requirements during 2000 are available from the Division, and can be viewed on our drinking water web page.

The groups of contaminants are discussed individually below.

Microbials (Coliform Bacteria). All 2,695 public water systems must sample routinely for coliform bacteria. Coliform bacteria in drinking water are not usually harmful in themselves, but they signal the possible presence of harmful microorganisms. Small systems sample at least once per month or quarter, while very large water systems must collect up to a hundred or more samples per month. The Division received 62,000 individual coliform bacteria test results in 2000.

160 water systems found and confirmed coliform bacteria in their water and took corrective action. 15 of these water systems found fecal coliform in the drinking water and people were advised to boil their drinking water until the cause of the contamination could be found and corrected. The Division expends considerable effort working with systems to prevent and correct these types of water problems because they represent a significant and immediate potential risk to health.

Most of the microbial violations were for failure to monitor and report results. 894 water systems failed to submit coliform samples for at least one month or quarter during the year. These systems had 1,587 routine monitoring violations, so some systems failed to submit sample results more than once during the year. While this is a substantial amount of nonreporting, Oregon public water systems have a total of almost 22,000 opportunities to sample and

report during each year. This means that in 2000, over 92% of the total number of required test results were submitted on-time by Oregon water systems overall.

91 water systems failed to report the results of repeat samples required following positive routine samples. 83 of these systems are very small, serving less than 500 people.

Microbials (Surface Water Treatment). Standards require that most water systems that draw water from lakes, rivers, and streams continually treat the water by filtration and disinfection to remove or kill microorganisms like bacteria, viruses, and protozoans that can cause waterborne disease outbreaks. The last recognized waterborne disease outbreak in a community water system in Oregon occurred in the City of Talent in 1992 (cryptosporidiosis). Surface water treatment standards are established to assure that the proper level of treatment is practiced at all times. In Oregon, there are still 18 water systems that do not have filtration treatment and must install it, although this is down from 165 systems in 1992. These remaining unfiltered systems are on administrative orders from the Health Division to install treatment, and work is continuing on those systems. Of the systems with filtration treatment, 39 failed to meet treatment level requirements on at least one occasion during 2000. The Division worked with those systems to help them improve their operation, their facilities, or both. 100 water systems failed to report treatment performance data on at least one occasion.

Disinfectants and Disinfection By-products. In 2000, 3 water systems serving more than 10,000 people each failed to report total trihalomethanes as required on at least one occasion.

Inorganic Chemicals. Nitrate maximum levels were violated by 5 water systems in Oregon during 2000. Due to the high degree of hazard to children, these systems were modified or are under order to correct the problem. 638 water systems failed to report nitrate results in 2000. At the end of 2000, 98 systems which had exceeded the action levels for lead and/or copper at plumbing taps had not yet installed corrosion control treatment. 70 systems had not yet completed initial lead/copper monitoring.

Water systems in Oregon rarely violate maximum levels for inorganic contaminants from source waters, but these contaminants are routinely detected in drinking water systems at levels more than one-half the maximum level. The most-detected inorganics (and number of water systems with detections since 1988) are nitrate (261), arsenic (50), nitrate/nitrite (30), cadmium (24), and mercury (30). Fact sheets for many of these contaminants are available either from the Division, the drinking water web page, or through web page links with other agencies or organizations.

Organic Chemicals. The second round of testing for 53 organic chemicals was completed during 1996-98. 1,229 water systems must conduct this testing every three years. 50 systems have yet to report the required test results for that period which is down from

74 a year ago. No water systems exceeded MCLs for organics. The current 3 year monitoring period ends December 2001.

Again, Oregon water systems rarely violate maximum levels for organic chemicals. The contaminants detected in past monitoring data (and number of water systems with detections since 1988), include tetrachloroethylene (53), toluene (19), 1,1,1 trichloroethane (27), xylenes (30), methylene chloride (27), and trichloroethylene (19). Pesticides have been detected much less often - 2,4-D (6), atrazine (5), and ethylene dibromide (4). Again, the vast majority of detections are at levels well below maximum allowable levels. In practice, many water suppliers that confirm the presence of even low levels of organic chemicals either abandon, reconstruct, or replace contaminated wells or install treatment to eliminate these contaminants from the water supply.

Radiological Contaminants. No violations of standards occurred during the report period. Naturally occurring radiological contaminants are detected in Oregon water systems, but at very low natural background levels. Routine monitoring is on a 4 year cycle.

Consumer Notification. All community water systems are required to provide customers with an annual water quality report which includes information on the source water, the levels of any detected contaminants and compliance with drinking water regulations. 177 community water systems failed to provide documentation that this report had been made to their customers.

Water System Improvements

Twenty-nine public water systems completed substantial improvements to meet drinking water standards during 2000 (See Table 4, page 11).

Enforcement Activities

During 2000, the Division issued 66 formal enforcement actions for high-priority violations of standards, primarily for coliform and nitrate maximum level violations, surface water treatment violations, and repeated failures to sample and report sample results. 132 previously initiated actions were resolved. Seven Oregon public water systems were referred to USEPA Region X for enforcement after the water suppliers were unresponsive to state program compliance efforts.

Measuring Progress

The Oregon Safe Drinking Water Benchmark, stated below, is intended to measure progress of public water suppliers toward meeting safe drinking water standards in Oregon:

“The percentage of Oregonians served by public drinking water systems that meet all health-based standards continuously during the year”

Meeting all health-based standards at all times during the year is an important indicator of drinking water safety. The benchmark presumes that required monitoring of water supplies is carried

out, and as shown above, Oregon water suppliers do need to improve in this area. The Oregon benchmark goal is to reach 95% by 2005, and to maintain this benchmark level during the process of implementing new drinking water standards from 2005 through 2010. At the end of 2000, the Benchmark was 93%.

USEPA established a similar performance-based measure for drinking water under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993. This goal is:

By 2005, protect human health so that 95% of the population served by community water systems receive water that meets health-based drinking water standards...

In 1994, the GPRA baseline for the U.S. was 83%. In 2000, the measure for the U.S. improved to 91%. Oregon achieved 94% in 2000.

Conclusions

Oregon water suppliers and the Health Division drinking water program must continue to focus efforts on responding to coliform bacteria contamination, getting filtration treatment

installed at unfiltered supplies that must filter, improving filtration treatment facilities and their operation, installing treatment to control lead and copper at the tap, and improving monitoring for coliform bacteria and nitrates. Additional work is needed to better inform smaller water systems of regulatory requirements, particularly in the area of sampling.

More Information

Listings of water systems that violated maximum levels or treatment requirements in 2000 (and fact sheets on specific contaminants) are available on request or from the Oregon Drinking Water web page (<http://www.ohd.hr.state.or.us/cehs/dwp>):

Attachments:

- Table 1** - Oregon Violation Summary - 2000
- Table 2** - Number of Public Water Systems in Violation by Population Category - 2000
- Table 3** - Number of Violations by Population Category - 2000
- Table 4** - Water systems completing construction/installation projects in 2000

Table 1 - Oregon Violation Summary, 2000

	Number of violations	Number of water systems In violation
Microbials - Coliform:		
Fecal Coliform/E. coli present	16	15
Total Coliform maximum level	175	145
Significant sampling violations	1,687	985
Microbials - Surface water treatment:		
Filtration treatment violations	139	39
Significant sampling violations	299	100
Unfiltered - Required to filter	18	18
Lead and Copper:		
Failed to conduct initial sampling	94	70
Failed to install treatment	98	98
Failed to conduct public education	42	42
Chemicals:		
Nitrate maximum level	5	5
Nitrate sampling	638	638
Inorganic chemical sampling (99-01)*	N.A.	N.A.
Organic chemical sampling (99-01)*	N.A.	N.A.
Radiological sampling (96-99)**	N.A.	N.A.
Trihalomethane sampling	3	3
Consumer Confidence Reports:		
Failed to submit report	177	177
Total	3,391	1,485***

* Sampling is required once during each 3-year period, tests are due by the end of 2001

** Sampling is required once during each 4-year period, tests are due by the end of 2003

*** Number adjusted to avoid double-counting water systems with violations of multiple contaminant and monitoring standards

**Table 2
Number of Water Systems With Violations**

	Population Groups					Totals
	Under 500	501 - 3300	3301-10,000	10k to 100k	100,000+	
Chemicals						
Nitrate MCL	4		1			5
Nitrate Monitoring	582	45	6	5		638
TTHM Monitoring				3		3
Coliform*						
Acute MCL	12	3				15
Total MCL	131	13	1			145
No Routines	856	35		3		894
No Repeats	83	7	1			91
Surface Water Treatment						
Required to Filter	12	4	2			18
Monitoring/Reporting	69	23	6	2		100
Treatment Failure	21	3	5			39
Lead/Copper						
Corrosion Control	71	22	4	1		98
Initial Tap Sampling	64	4	1			70
Public Education	39	3				42
Consumer Confidence Reports						
No Report	169	6	2			177
Public Water Systems	2,338	255	46	52	4	2,695
Population Served	278,317	343,477	252,547	1,251,713	930,000	3,056,054
Systems with No Violations	1,005	133	27	41	4	1,210

* Minor monitoring and reporting violations were excluded.

**Table 3
Number of Violations**

	Population Groups					Totals
	Under 500	501 - 3300	3301-10,000	10k to 100k	100,000+	
Chemicals						
Nitrate MCL	4		1			5
Nitrate Monitoring	582	45	6	5		655
TTHM Monitoring				3		3
Coliform*						
Acute MCL	12	4		1		17
Total MCL	159	15	1			175
No Routines	1,534	49		4		1,587
No Repeats	91	7	2			100
Surface Water Treatment						
Required to Filter	12	4	2			18
Monitoring/Reporting	234	56	7	2		299
Treatment Failure	45	64	30			139
Lead/Copper						
Corrosion Control	71	22	4	1		98
Initial Tap Sampling	88	4	1	1		94
Public Education	39	3				42
Consumer Confidence Report						
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Table 4 - Water systems completing construction/installation projects in 2000:

Water System Name	Population Served	County	Improvement
Arrah Wanna	50	Clackamas	Filtration treatment
Bandon, City of	2,465	Coos	Improve Filtration
Cascade Ranch	25	Jackson	Filtration treatment
Champion Park Subdivision	40	Josephine	Connect to City of Grants Pass
Coburg-Pioneer Valley	90	Lane	Corrosion control treatment
Columbia Acres	70	Columbia	Corrosion control treatment
Crawfordsville School	60	Linn	Plumbing replacement
Eastgate Center	155	Linn	Corrosion control treatment
Elmira School	850	Lane	Corrosion control treatment
Falls City	804	Polk	Filtration and corrosion control
Hessel Tractor	28	Linn	Plumbing replacement
Hidden Meadows	110	Yamhill	Corrosion control treatment
Hopewell Water Company	97	Yamhill	Disinfection treatment
Junction City	3,765	Lane	Corrosion control -blended sources
Manzanita, City	2,000	Tillamook	Corrosion control treatment
Mapleton, City	800	Lane	Disinfection improvement
Mt Vernon, City	645	Grant	New wells
Mosier	255	Wasco	Disinfection
North Star Estates	42	Josephine	Corrosion control treatment
Pacific Comm. Church	75	Coos	Corrosion control treatment
Polehn Heights Water District	130	Clackamas	Corrosion control treatment
Rainier, City	2,000	Columbia	Filtration/disinfection improvement
Sand'n'Wood Mobile Village	70	Coos	Corrosion control treatment
South Coast Water District, Inc.	125	Lane	Filtration and corrosion control
Stayton, City	4,945	Marion	Corrosion control treatment
Tooley Water District	97	Wasco	Disinfection treatment
Upper Chetco Elementary	80	Curry	Corrosion control treatment, plumbing replacement
Westland Water Assn	25	Columbia	Develop spring source
Youngs River Lewis & Clark Water District	2,000	Clatsop	Corrosion control by switching disinfectants



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